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Wednesday, 1 April 1953

1. Informed DCI of my action with respect to the proposed Pakistan monitoring station, which is being indefinitely postponed.

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3. After giving him the background, passed to DCI a draft letter of congratulations to

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4. At my suggestion, of PSB spoke to PSB Director, to inquire whether or not they had any plans for the contingency of Soviet withdrawal from Germany and/or Austria. At the request of I phoned emphasizing

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a. That there were no firm indications of any imminent action on the part of the Soviets in this regard and

b. That the indications, in my view, justified serious intention in this question as a matter of planning.

5. At the Deputies' meeting, called attention to an O/CI comment that the ChiComs might propose a peaceful unification of Indochina. Although there were no firm indications that this was in the wind, I thought we should all keep the possibility in mind and watch for any indications.

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6. Chatted with on reviving the estimate on possible consequences of a relaxation of tensions by the Soviet. We agreed that the estimate would have to be changed, in that it would not be constructive to deal with the general proposition. Instead, by analogy to the Korean "consequences" estimate, it might be better to put up a series of possible Soviet relaxation activities and to estimate the probable consequences of these.

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7. Also discussed with the extreme pressure under which the estimating machinery is now operating. I suggested that he view this in the context that the NSC and, in turn, the Planning Board, are faced with an April 8th deadline. After this has passed, there should be some relief. Every effort should be made to give O/NE advance notice of possible subjects and also some discussions of the past could be held with appropriate individuals.

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9. [redacted] phoned respecting a [redacted] who had applied for work in the Agency. [redacted] had not heard about his application for some time and wondered whether or not he should come down. I advised against this and said that I would look into the [redacted] file. 25X1A9a

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10. Discussed with [redacted] the approach we could take respecting

a. The ad hoc committee action and State's alternative, and

25X1A9a b. The question of our agreement with NSA and its implementation through discussions with other intelligence agencies. We undertook to see [redacted] on this.

25X1A9a 11. Discussed with [redacted] the organization of his position. I shall continue these discussions with Mr. Amory and [redacted] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 12. Met with [redacted] to discuss the following points:

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a. State had taken the position that the Executive Secretary of USCIB should have a much broader charter than was indicated in the papers having the approval of all other Agencies, as prepared by the ad hoc committee. I expressed to [redacted] the view that the exact power given by charter to the Executive Secretary was not the important thing. Regardless of his charter, he would have to get substantial agreement from the Agencies. To my mind, the really vital thing was to get the best possible Executive Secretary and allow him to work out pragmatically his relations with the Agencies. CIA concurred entirely with State's view as to the importance of this position and 25X1A9a the desirability that it be built up. After some discussion, [redacted]

25X1A9a [redacted] indicated that he would not press State's dissent to the ad hoc committee papers in USCIB, so long as some indication was written into the papers that one of the Executive Secretary's primary duties was to staff, for presentation to USCIB, matters involving priorities. This agreement was confirmed by 'phone the next day and as a result of it, CIA undertook to support State's effort to have this type of an amendment made in the ad hoc committee papers. Some confusion developed at the ad hoc committee meeting on Thursday, but this, I trust, was settled by having [redacted] get together in advance of the next meeting.

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b. I explained the arrangement which CIA was making with NSA on PT exploitation and [redacted] not only expressed satisfaction at this development but also undertook to assist in increasing the priorities for economic material.

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25X1A9a. Brief reference was made to the CIA position on ERS and [REDACTED] expressed his appreciation therefor. I was later informed that this item had been deferred for one week by PSB (as of Thursday, April 2nd) at the request of [REDACTED] of Defense.

13. Chatted briefly with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a 25X9A6

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